(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of AIR and Doordarshan employees working in Akashwani Bhawan, New Delhi suffered from Jaundice during the months of May-August, 1994; and whether there were deaths on that account also;

(b) if so, what is the exact number of such employees who have suffered and who were on long period of leave as advised by authorised Medical Officers;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made to find out the real reason for the outbreak of Jaundice; if so, with what results;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to prevent spread of Jaundice in future; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the affected employees have been compensated because they have suffered due to water pollution at their place of work which was through default of theirs; and

(f) if so, what [illegible] amount of compensation in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) 93 officers of All India Radio and 45 officers of Doordarshan reportedly suffered from Jaundice and diarrhea during May-August 1994. There were, however, no deaths on this account.

(c) Yes, Sir. The inquiry report could not point out the exact cause of outbreak of Jaundice.

(d) In order to prevent outbreak of Jaundice, steps have been taken to ensure supply of water fit for drinking and conducting regular tests to confirm its potability.

(e) and (f) No compensation is admissible to the employees in such cases. However, adequate medical facilities are available to the Central Government employees for medical treatment.

Gap between demand and supply of Power in Karnataka

6101. SHRI JANARDAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the gap between demand and supply of power in the Karnataka is 12 to 15 per cent; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to remove the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During the period 1994-95, the energy shortage in Karnataka was 17.2 per cent.

(b) To reduce the gap between demand and availability of power in Karnataka various measures being taken include—expediting the commissioning of new generating capacity, implementaion of short gestation projects; improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of better demand management and energy conservation measures. Efforts are also being made to ensure that Karnataka gets its due share from Central Sector Stations in the Southern Region.

Financial Assistance for projects of Rural Electrification Corporation in Madhya Pradesh

6102. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought by the Rural Electrification Corporation from NABARD for various projects in Ma-